

Please amend claims 1, 9, and 14 as follows. Each amended claim is submitted herein in the form of a rewritten claim, that is, in clean form in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

Enclosed on pages separate from the amendment is a marked up version of each amended claim in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Q1 1. (Three Times Amended) A method, comprising:

- (a) providing: i) a biological sample comprising one or more structural polypeptides; and ii) an acid consisting essentially of an organic acid;
- (b) treating said sample with said acid under conditions such that said one or more structural polypeptides are purified and recovered in a solution, said treating comprising mixing said sample with said acid, incubating said mixed sample and acid, and clarifying said mixed sample and acid to yield the recovered solution comprising said one or more purified polypeptides.

Q2 8. (Three Times Amended) A method, comprising:

- (a) providing: i) host cells expressing one or more recombinant structural polypeptides, and ii) a solution consisting essentially of an organic acid; and
- (b) treating said host cells with said solution to create a mixture of soluble and insoluble material, whereby said treating comprises mixing said cells with said acid, incubating said mixed cells and acid, and clarifying said mixed cells and acid to yield a recovered solution, said recovered solution comprising one or more purified polypeptides.

Q3 19. (Three Times Amended) A method, comprising:

- (a) providing: i) bacterial cells expressing one or more recombinant structural polypeptides, and ii) a solution consisting essentially of an organic acid